

Regular Meeting Minutes

**Board of County Commissioners
Hyde County**

Monday, March 5, 2018

After a moment of silence in remembrance of David Spencer (husband of Merita Lewis Spencer, Register of Deeds) opening prayer by Chairman Pugh and Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Earl Pugh, Jr. called the Regular Meeting of the Hyde County Board of Commissioners to order at 6:00p.m., on Monday, March 5, 2018, in the Hyde County Government Center, Multi-Use Room, and the Ocracoke Community Center using electronic conferencing equipment.

The following members were present on the mainland: Chairman Earl Pugh, Jr.; Vice-chairman Barry Swindell; Commissioners Ben Simmons and Dick Tunnell; Assistant County Manager Kris Noble; Attorney Franz Holscher; Clerk to the Board Lois Stotesberry; Deputy Clerk Justin Gibbs; and, members of the public.

The following members were present on Ocracoke: Commissioner Tom Pahl; County Manager Bill Rich and members of the public.

Consideration of Agenda:

Commissioner Swindell moved to approve the March 5, 2018 Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Agenda as presented by the Clerk with addition of Proclamations – Child Abuse Prevention Month and Week of the Young Child; Budget Revision 20-18; and Inspections Report. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Swindell, Tunnell and Simmons; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

Consideration of Minutes:

January 9, 2018 – Joint Board of Commissioners and Board of Education Meeting

Commissioner Pahl moved to approve the February 5, 2018 Hyde County Board of Commissioners and Board of Education Joint Meeting Minutes as presented by the Clerk with inclusion of Board of Education members present. Mr. Tunnell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Swindell, Tunnell and Simmons; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – none.

February 5, 2018 – Regular Meeting

Commissioner Swindell moved to approve the February 5, 2018 Hyde County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes as presented by the Clerk. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Swindell, Tunnell and Simmons; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – none.

Public Hearing:

Closeout of Hyde County FY2016-2017 CDBG Commerce Fellows Grant

Commissioner Swindell moved to open public hearing on Closeout of Hyde County FY2016-2017 CDBG Commerce Fellows Grant. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Swindell, Tunnell and Simmons; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – none.

Kris Noble, Assistant County Manager, reported on July 25, 2016, Hyde County was awarded a CDBG Commerce Fellows Grant in the amount of \$50,000.00. The primary purpose of the Commerce Fellows Program is to provide funding to local governments to provide holistic community development training opportunities for local government administrators. Six management representatives from Hyde County participated in courses through the UNC School of Government using the funding provided by the CDBG grant. Ms. Noble reported all training is complete and CDBG funds have been exhausted.

Hearing no oral and/or written comments on the County's use of CDBG funds, Commissioner Simmons moved to close public hearing on Closeout of Hyde County FY2016-2017 CDBG Commerce Fellows Grant. Mr. Pahl seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Swindell, Tunnell and Simmons; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – none.

Introduction:

District Resource Specialist for Hyde Soil & Water Conservation District

Debbie Cahoon, District Technician/Education Coordinator, on behalf of the Hyde District Board of Supervisors and Staff, introduced Allie Mulligan the new District Resource Specialist. Allie comes to the District with a BS in Fisheries, Wildlife and Conservation Biology with a minor in Plant Biology from North Carolina State University, College of Natural Resources. She is expected to graduate in the fall with a PhD in Coastal Resources Management from East Carolina University. She is here to assist the District in putting conservation on the ground and assist the County of Hyde in addressing their resource concerns.

Presentations:

2017 Outer Banks National Park Service Year In Review

Dave Hallac, Superintendent, accompanied by Mark Doudle, Deputy Director, with the National Park Service presented review of the activities of the National Park Service in 2017. Superintendent Hallac reported:

Staff

- 79 Staff Year-Round
- 100 Seasonal Staff Each Summer
- 352 Volunteers
- 22,600 Hours

Visitation

- Total: 3.12 Million Visits

Interesting Facts

- 5 Visitor Centers
- 65,000 Overnight Camping Stays In 4 Campgrounds
- 39,000 Off Road Vehicle Permits
- Over 200 Public Toilets
- 2 Water Treatment Plants
- 60 Septic Systems
- 84 Parking Lots
- 230 Buildings
- 3 Airstrips

Budget

- \$14.6 Million
- \$9.6 M Base Funding
- \$2.7 M Off-Road Vehicle Permits
- \$2.3 M Camping and Lighthouse Fees
- \$250 K in Other Fees and Donations

Commissioner Pahl thanked Superintendent Hallac and reported the Board of Commissioners is pleased with the work he has done and the National Park Service's relationship and partnership with Ocracoke.

Dates for 2018 Board of Equalization and Review

Linda Basnight, Tax Administrator, reported each year the Board of Commissioners is required to hold Board of Equalization and Review. In accordance with GS 105-322(e) the first meeting cannot be held before the first Monday in April or later than the first Monday in May and must adjourn on or before the third Monday following the first meeting. A majority of the commissioners must be present.

Commissioner Simmons moved to conduct the first Board of Equalization and Review Meeting on Monday, May 7, 2018 prior to its regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners meeting, from 5:00p.m. to 6:00p.m.; and to conduct and adjourn the last Board of Equalization and Review Meeting on Monday, May 14, 2018 prior to the Hyde County Board of Commissioners Budget Workshop with Department Heads, beginning at 5:00p.m. Mr. Swindell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Swindell, Tunnell and Simmons; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – none.

Recognition:

Bill Rich, County Manager, commended Daniel Brinn for his contribution to the "Canal Snag & Clear Program" during his tenure with the Soil & Water Conservation District. Daniel spun the "Wheel of Thanks" and received a gift certificate to Swan Quarter Supply.

Daniel thanked Manager Rich and the Commissioners for recognizing him and the S&W Board and its staff. He reported 13-miles of canal have already been snagged.

Public Comments:

Peter Vankevich, Ocracoke - complimented the Ocracoke basketball team.

There being no further comments from the public, Chairman Pugh continued the meeting.

Items of Consideration:

Resolution Requesting NC Ferry Be Named The Ocracoke Express

Bill Rich, County Manager, reported the Hyde County Board of Commissioners supports the tradition of naming North Carolina ferries after towns and regions of coastal NC. Mr. Rich requested approval of a resolution to name one of the two passenger ferries the Ocracoke Express. The name Ocracoke Express was selected from an Ocracoke School contest to name the ferry. Passengers will be transported between Hatteras and Ocracoke Island.

Commissioner Pahl moved to adopt "A Resolution Requesting That A New North Carolina Passenger Ferry Be Named The "Ocracoke Express". Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Swindell, Tunnell and Simmons; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – none.

Clerk's Note: A copy of "A Resolution Requesting That A New North Carolina Passenger Ferry Be Named The "Ocracoke Express" is attached herewith as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

Resolution Requesting NC Ferry Be Named The Rodanthe

Bill Rich, County Manager, requested approval of a resolution to name one of the two passenger ferries the Rodanthe. Passengers will be transported between Hatteras and Ocracoke Island.

Commissioner Pahl moved to adopt "A Resolution Requesting That A New North Carolina Vehicle Ferry Be Named The "Rodanthe". Mr. Swindell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Swindell, Tunnell and Simmons; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – none.

Clerk's Note: A copy of "A Resolution Requesting That A New North Carolina Vehicle Ferry Be Named The "Rodanthe" is attached herewith as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by reference.

Resolution Opposing Offshore Oil Drilling

Kris Noble, Assistant County Manager, reported on February 20, 2018, North Carolina Secretary of Environmental Quality Michael Regan met with citizens of Hyde County in Swan Quarter at the Government Center and simultaneously in Ocracoke at the Community Center via telecommunications equipment in an effort to receive public comment on the Draft Proposed Program for the Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2019-2014. The Hyde County Board of Commissioners is in opposition to offshore drilling, including exploratory drilling and seismic testing.

Commissioner Swindell moved to adopt "Resolution Expressing The Hyde County Board of Commissioners' Continued Opposition To Offshore Drilling And Seismic Testing". Mr. Tunnell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Swindell, Tunnell and Simmons; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – none.

Clerk's Note: A copy of "Resolution Expressing The Hyde County Board of Commissioners' Continued Opposition To Offshore Drilling And Seismic Testing" is attached herewith as Exhibit C and incorporated herein by reference.

Resolution Creating Ocracoke Township Tourism Development Authority

Kris Noble, Assistant County Manager, reported this resolution retroactively creates the Ocracoke Township Tourism Development Authority pursuant to General Assembly of North Carolina Session 2005; Session Law 2006-128/House Bill 882. The Hyde County Board of Commissioners voted to enact an additional 2% occupancy tax and create the Ocracoke Township Tourism Development Authority in October 2018. The State Treasurer requires a formal resolution be adopted.

Commissioner Pahl moved to adopt "Resolution To Levy An Additional 2% Occupancy Tax and Create The Ocracoke Township Tourism Development Authority" with typographical corrections made on page 2 in the last paragraph. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Swindell, Tunnell and Simmons; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – none.

Clerk's Note: A copy of "Resolution To Levy An Additional 2% Occupancy Tax and Create The Ocracoke Township Tourism Development Authority" is attached herewith as Exhibit D and incorporated herein by reference.

Proclamation – Child Abuse Prevention Month April 2018

Kris Noble, Assistant County Manager, presented proclamation supporting child abuse prevention month. The Board of Commissioners call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, other elected leaders and businesses to increase their participation in its efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in Hyde County.

Commissioner Simmons moved to adopt "Proclamation – Child Abuse Prevention Month April 2018". Mr. Swindell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Swindell, Tunnell and Simmons; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – none.

Clerk's Note: A copy of "Proclamation – Child Abuse Prevention Month April 2018" is attached herewith as Exhibit E and incorporated herein by reference.

Proclamation – Week of The Young Child April 2018

Kris Noble, Assistant County Manager, presented proclamation supporting week of the young child. The Board of Commissioners proclaim April 15th – 22nd, 2018 as the Week of the Young Child in Hyde County, NC and encourage all citizens to work to make a good investment in early childhood.

Commissioner Swindell moved to adopt "Proclamation – Week of The Young Child April 15th – 22nd, 2018". Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Swindell, Tunnell and Simmons; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – none.

Clerk's Note: A copy of "Proclamation – Week of The Young Child April 15th – 22nd, 2018" is attached herewith as Exhibit F and incorporated herein by reference.

Appointment to JCPC

Kris Noble, Assistant County Manager, reported Superintendent Dr. Randolph Latimore requests appointment of Ms. Nancy Leach, Assistant Director of Student Services for Hyde County Schools and Mrs. Ramona Armstrong,

Principal of Mattamuskeet Early College High School (MECHS) to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC). Members removed are Major D. Coleman and Dr. Linda Mayo Willis.

Commissioner Swindell moved to appoint Nancy Leach and Ramona Armstrong to serve on the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Swindell, Tunnell and Simmons; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – none.

Appointment to Mainland Occupancy Tax Board

Kris Noble, Assistant County Manager, reported on February 27, 2018, the Hyde County Mainland Occupancy Tax Board met. The members of the Board voted to recommend Brooke Dunbar of the Currituck Township to serve on the Mainland Occupancy Tax Board.

Commissioner Swindell moved to appoint Brooke Dunbar to serve on the Mainland Occupancy Tax Board. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Swindell, Tunnell and Simmons; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – none.

Water Line Relocation

Clint Berry, Utilities Director, reported the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will be replacing bridge #35 on Sladesville-Credle Road. There is a conflict with the existing water line that crosses the canal. NCDOT will need to relocate the water line and will pay for all expenses. The project will be paid by the County and then reimbursed from NCDOT.

Commissioner Swindell moved to approve water line relocation for bridge #35 on Sladesville-Credle Rd. and to sign three project contracts: 1) from Green Engineering for the design and permitting, 2) from NCDOT for the preliminary engineering and 3) from NCDOT for the construction. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Swindell, Tunnell and Simmons; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – none.

Revolving Loan Requests

Bill Rich, County Manager, reported Hyde County currently has 16 revolving loans with a total of \$900,000.00 outstanding balance. Mr. Rich reported the County received loan payments totaling \$11,000.00 per month. All borrowers are current on their loan payments.

Mr. Rich reported the Revolving Loan Committee met on February 28 and unanimously approved three loan requests as presented contingent upon final approval by the Hyde County Board of Commissioners.

Revolving Loan Request for Seabreeze of Ocracoke

Bill Rich, County Manager, reported Darlene Styron is requesting a revolving loan in the amount of \$14,625.00 to purchase a 32 KW generator for her business Seabreeze of Ocracoke (dba) Sweettooth/Fig Tree Bakery. This will allow her to stay open during periods of power outage and continue to generate revenue and retain her employees. Ms. Styron will also be injecting personal funds for renovations that will be made when the generator is installed. Sweettooth/Fig Tree Bakery offers a variety of confections, fudge, chocolates, hard candies, homemade goodies, milkshakes and ice cream along with gift baskets made to order. The business has been serving Ocracoke Island and visitors for 19 years. Darlene Styron is President of the corporation and Ernest Doshier is Secretary.

Commissioner Swindell moved to approve a loan to Darlene Styron in the amount of \$14,625.00 at 3% interest for a period of 5 years. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Swindell, Tunnell and Simmons; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – none.

Revolving Loan Request for Ryan Marshall

Bill Rich, County Manager, reported Ryan Marshall is requesting a revolving loan in the amount of \$48,000.00 to purchase the Pat's Service Station property from Pat Spencer. Mr. Marshall plans to open the new business, "Ryan's Garage" by April 2. Ryan's Garage will be a full-service station to include gasoline sales, selling and repairing tires, major and minor motor vehicle repairs (oil changes, brakes, transmissions, spark plugs, engine repair and replacement and inspections). Mr. Marshall is a lifelong resident of Hyde County and has been a practicing automobile mechanic since 2004. Mr. Marshall will also be injecting personal funds for part of the purchase, insurance, licenses, etc. Security for the loan will be the building and attachments.

Commissioner Simmons moved to approve a loan to Ryan Marshall in the amount of \$48,000.00 at 3% interest for a period of 15 years. Mr. Tunnell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Swindell, Tunnell and Simmons; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – none.

Revolving Loan Request for Wococcon Oyster Company LLC

Bill Rich, County Manager, reported Wococcon Oyster Company is requesting a \$60,000.00 revolving loan to pay off the existing Golden Leaf revolving loan in the amount of \$30,000.00 and purchase a refrigerated truck with the remaining \$30,000.00. The company has grown by leaps and bounds since its beginnings in March 2017. They

surpassed their projected sales by 205% and preceded their initial sales date by two months. There is a demand for Wococcon oysters outside of Ocracoke Island and the owners wish to grow their business by selling to outside patrons, necessitating the purchase of the refrigerated truck.

Commissioner Pahl moved to approve a loan to Wococcon Oyster Company, Inc. in the amount of \$60,000.00 at a rate of 3% interest with payments for the first year being interest only payments in the amount of \$150.00 per month, followed with 60 principal and interest payments of \$1,078.12 monthly until paid in full. Mr. Tunnell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Swindell, Tunnell and Simmons; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – none.

Mainland Occupancy Tax Board Funding Recommendations

Kris Noble, Assistant County Manager, reported on February 27, 2018, the Hyde County Mainland Occupancy Tax Board met. The members of the Board had voted in a prior meeting to allocate \$10,000.00 to the Hyde County Chamber to prepare and print a mainland map. The map has been prepared and the first printing is in process. The Board recommends earmarking the remaining funds of approximately \$3,800.00 to the Chamber for subsequent printings of a brochure they have created. The Board also recommends an allocation in the amount of \$2,000.00 to be given to the Octagon House for needed repairs.

Commissioner Tunnell moved to allocate \$10,000.00 to the Hyde County Chamber to prepare and print a mainland map; to earmark approximately \$3,088.00 to the chamber for subsequent printing of brochures; and, to allocate \$2,000.00 to be given to the Octagon House for needed repairs. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Swindell, Tunnell and Simmons; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – none.

Budget Transfers:

Bill Rich, County Manager, presented the following budget transfers for Board of Commissioner approval.

- **Aviation – Fuel** \$4,431.00
- **DSS – Social Security Received** \$ 967.50
 - LIEAP \$6,000.00
- **Health – BR-19-18 – Ocracoke Clinic Expenses** \$4,370.00
 - BR -20-18 – Equipment \$7,900.00
- **Soil & Water - Cell Phone** \$1,000.00
 - Equipment \$4,500.00

Commissioner Swindell moved to approve departmental budget transfers as presented. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pahl, Pugh, Simmons, Tunnell and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – none.

Commissioner Swindell commended Clint Berry and Kerry Campbell for keeping the lights on in the government offices on Friday.

Management Reports:

Chairman Earl Pugh, Jr. – attended the Airport Board meeting and met with Lobbyist Joe and Henri McClees and members of the Hyde County Board of Education to discuss State mandates.

Vice-chair Barry Swindell – commended Kerry Campbell for his continued dedication to the County.

Commissioner Ben Simmons – asks that drainage be kept at the forefront. Mr. Simmons commended all valued county employees.

Commissioner Tom Pahl – attended the Waterways Commission meeting and the Public Hearing with Secretary Regan on Offshore Oil Drilling. Mr. Pahl is drafting an Ordinance to control derelict boats on Silver Lake and will present it to the Board of Commissioners for approval at its next regularly scheduled meeting on April 2nd.

Commissioner Dick Tunnell – attended NC Farm Bureau Presidents Conference and the Mid-East Housing Authority meeting last week.

Assistant County Manager Kris Noble – attended the Mainland Occupancy Tax Board meeting where the Chamber of Commerce map and brochure project were discussed. Ms. Noble is working with Margie Brooks and the Swan Quarter Volunteer Fire Department and Ben Cahoon on a project to restore the original Hyde County Bell. She announced Jessie Gibbs of Swan Quarter is working at the Government Center on a 30-hour per week intern program with North East Workforce Development. She reported Hyde County will host Golden Leaf and ECU professors at Harris Steak House on Tuesday.

Commissioner Tunnell reported NC State is breaking ground for “Feed America” initiative and recommends Hyde County to be on board for this project.

County Manager Bill Rich – attended the Wildlife Resources Commission meeting and reported Sunday Hunting is put off for as much as two years and bear season was extended. Mr. Rich presented update on the NCDOT Tram project. He also attended insurance meetings and expects a cut in cost to the county. The county audit will be next month.

Public Comments:

There being no comment from the public, Chairman Pugh continued the meeting.

Closed Session (none)

Adjourn


Commissioner Swindell moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pahl, Pugh, Tunnell, Swindell and Simmons; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Minutes approved on the 2nd day of April, 2018.

Attest:


Lois Stotesberry, CMG, NCCCC
Clerk, Hyde County Board of Commissioners


Earl Pugh, Jr.
Chair, Hyde County Board of Commissioners



Attachments:

Exhibit A: “A Resolution Requesting That A New North Carolina Passenger Ferry Be Named The “Ocracoke Express”

Exhibit B: “A Resolution Requesting That A New North Carolina Vehicle Ferry Be Named The “Rodanthe”

Exhibit C: “Resolution Expressing The Hyde County Board of Commissioners’ Continued Opposition To Offshore Drilling And Seismic Testing”

Exhibit D: “Resolution To Levy An Additional 2% Occupancy Tax and Create The Ocracoke Township Tourism Development Authority”

Exhibit E: “Proclamation – Child Abuse Prevention Month April 2018”

Exhibit F: “Proclamation – Week of The Young Child April 15th – 22nd, 2018”

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A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT A NORTH CAROLINA FERRY BE NAMED THE "OCRACOKE EXPRESS"


WHEREAS, the County of Hyde is within the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Division1; and

WHEREAS, the County of Hyde supports the NCDOT effort to provide passenger ferry service between Hatteras and Ocracoke; and


WHEREAS, the Hyde County Board of Commissioners supports the tradition of naming NC Ferries after towns and regions of coastal North Carolina.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Hyde County Board of Commissioners requests that the said passenger ferry be named the "Ocracoke Express".

ADOPTED this 5th day of March, 2018.


Earl Pugh, Jr. Chairman

Attest:


Lois Stotesberry, Clerk to the Board



Board of Commissioners

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A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT A NORTH CAROLINA FERRY BE NAMED THE "RODANTHE"


WHEREAS, the County of Hyde is within the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Division1; and

WHEREAS, the County of Hyde supports the NC Ferry "Baum" replacement through STI; and

WHEREAS, the Hyde County Board of Commissioners supports the tradition of naming NC Ferries after towns and regions of coastal North Carolina.

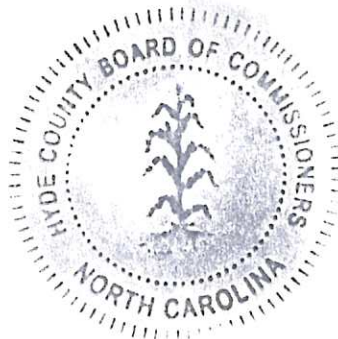
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Hyde County Board of Commissioners requests that the said ferry to replace the MV Baum be named the "Rodanthe".

ADOPTED this 5th day of March, 2018.


Earl Pugh, Jr. Chairman

Attest:


Lois Stotesberry, Clerk to the Board





**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE HYDE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
CONTINUED OPPOSITION TO OFFSHORE DRILLING AND SEISMIC TESTING**

WHEREAS, it has not been proven that offshore drilling and testing can safely be done without risking harm to the environment, the North Carolina coastline, our property, our businesses, our livelihood, or our quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the potential damage to North Carolina's beaches and coastline should a spill occur would be devastating to our natural resources and irrevocably harm Hyde County's tourism based economy; and


WHEREAS, it is vital that local and state officials throughout North Carolina and its neighboring states take a unified stand in opposition to offshore drilling because a mishap in one jurisdiction could negatively impact the coastal environment and economy of adjacent areas, and

WHEREAS, other coastal communities and their neighbors have suffered dreadful consequences as the result of offshore energy exploration including the Prince William Sound, victimized by the Exxon Valdez, and countless Gulf Coast communities harmed by the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill; and


WHEREAS, the documented dangers that are associated with offshore drilling and testing would needlessly put our environment, coastline, beaches, fishing, and tourism industry at risk and threaten our way of life in Hyde County, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the risks associated with offshore drilling and testing were fervently conveyed by Ocracoke island residents during a February 20, 2018 meeting with North Carolina Secretary of Environmental Quality Michael Regan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hyde County Board of Commissioners is in opposition to offshore drilling, including exploratory drilling and seismic testing, and urges North Carolina, our neighboring states, and all federal agencies to take no action that would put our coastline. This the 5th day of March, 2018.



Earl Pugh, Jr, Chairman



Attested by: Lois Stotesberry, Clerk to the Board





**RESOLUTION TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL 2% OCCUPANCY TAX AND CREATE
THE OCRACOCKE TOWNSHIP TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of North Carolina Session 2005 Session Law 2006-128 House Bill 882 "An Act Creating a Taxing District in Ocracoke Township For The Purpose of Authorizing The Levy Of A Room Occupancy And Tourism Development Tax"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to local legislation, Session Law 2006-128 and House Bill 882, the Hyde County Board of Commissioners is authorized to levy an additional two percent (2%) room occupancy tax in Ocracoke Township and create the Ocracoke Township Tourism Development Authority; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of Ocracoke Township Taxing District may levy a room occupancy tax of up to two percent (2%) of the gross receipts derived from the rental of any room, lodging, or accommodation furnished by a hotel, motel, inn, tourist camp, or similar place within the district that is subject to sales tax imposed by the State under G.S. 105-164.4(a)(3); and

WHEREAS, a tax levied under this act shall be levied administered, collected, and repealed as provided in G.S. 153A-155, as if it were a county; and

WHEREAS, Ocracoke Township Taxing District shall, on a quarterly basis, distribute the net proceeds of the occupancy tax to the Ocracoke Township Tourism Development Authority created; and

WHEREAS, the Authority shall use at least two-thirds of the proceeds distributed to it to promote travel and tourism in the district and shall use the remainder for tourism-related expenditures in the district; and in accordance with the North Carolina Constitution and the United States Constitution, the tax proceeds may be used only for the direct benefit of Ocracoke Township; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Hyde County adopts this resolution creating the Ocracoke Township Tourism Development Authority, which shall be a public authority under the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act; and


WHEREAS, The Tourism Development Authority shall have five members in addition to the Finance Officer and at least one-third of the members must be individuals affiliated with businesses that collect the tax in the district, and at least one-half of the members must be individuals currently active in the promotion of travel and tourism in the district; and

WHEREAS, the Hyde County Board of Commissioners shall appoint three (3) of the five members to three (3) year terms and appoint two (2) of the five members for two (2) year terms initially; and subsequently thereafter all terms shall be three year terms; the Hyde County Board of Commissioners shall fill any expired or unexpired terms thereafter; and the Hyde County Board of Commissioners shall appoint a Chair to the Ocracoke Township Tourism Development Authority; and


WHEREAS, the Authority shall meet at the call of the chair and shall adopt rules of procedure to govern its meetings; and the Finance Officer for Hyde County shall be the ex officio finance officer of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Authority shall expend the net proceeds of the tax levied under this act for the purposes provided in the above named act; and the Authority shall promote travel and tourism in the district and make tourism-related expenditures in the district;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hyde County Board of Commissioners hereby levies an additional two percent (2%) occupancy tax of the gross receipts derived from the rental of any room, lodging or accommodation furnished by a hotel, motel, inn, tourist camp or similar place within the Ocracoke Township, that is subject to sales tax imposed by the state under North Carolina General Statute 105-164.4(a)(3) for the uses and purposes hereinabove set forth; and the Ocracoke Township Tourism Development Authority is established and shall be composed of a five (5) member Authority as outlined in this resolution, and shall become retroactively effective October 2, 2017 when the Hyde County Board of Commissioners took an official and affirmative vote to create the Ocracoke Township Tourism Development Authority and appointed all Authority board members. This the 5th day of March, 2018.



Earl Pugh, Jr, Chairman



Attested by: Lois Stotesberry, Clerk to the Board





**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF HYDE,
NORTH CAROLINA**

**PROCLAMATION
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH
APRIL 2018**

Whereas, children are vital to our state's future success, prosperity and quality of life as well as being our most vulnerable assets;

Whereas, all children deserve to have the safe, stable, nurturing homes and communities they need to foster their healthy growth and development;

Whereas, child abuse and neglect is a community responsibility affecting both the current and future quality of life o a community;

Whereas, communities that provide parents with the social support, knowledge of parenting and child development and concrete resources they need to cope with stress and nurture their children ensure all children grow to their full potential;

Whereas, effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of partnerships created among citizens, human service agencies, schools, faith communities, health care providers, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Hyde County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim April as "CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH," and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, other elected leaders and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in Hyde County.

Adopted this the 5th of March 2018 in Hyde County, North Carolina.

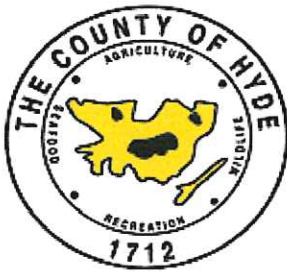

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**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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NORTH CAROLINA**

**PROCLAMATION
WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD
APRIL 2018**

Whereas, the Beaufort/Hyde Partnership for Children and other local organizations, in conjunction with the National Association for the Education of Young Children, are celebrating the Week of the Young Child, April 15th – 22nd, 2018; and

Whereas, these organizations are working to improve early learning opportunities, including early literacy programs, that can provide a foundation of learning for children in Hyde County, NC; and


Whereas, child care providers, teachers, parents, and others who make a difference in the lives of young children in Hyde County, NC deserve thanks and recognition; and

Whereas, public policies that support early learning for all young children are crucial to young children's futures;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Hyde County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim April 15th – 22nd as the Week of the Young Child in Hyde County, NC and encourage all citizens to work to make a good investment in early childhood.

Adopted this the 5th day of March, 2018 in Hyde County, North Carolina.


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